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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY   October 17, 2006

Proposition 85 on the November ballot, the "Waiting Period and Parental

Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy" initiative constitutional

amendment is an ill-considered attempt to mandate family communication in a crisis

situation that will, if approved, cause real harm and potentially endanger the lives of

many California teenagers.

Parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives. The best way to

protect our daughters is by talking to them about responsible, appropriate sexual

behavior from the time they are young and by fostering an atmosphere of open, loving

communication. However, as we all know some teens live in troubled homes where

there may be violence or the parent may have caused the pregnancy, and the teen

cannot approach her parent for guidance and support. The alternative of seeking a

court order is not a realistic or timely option for most such teens who need counseling

and medical care, not a court date.

The experience in other states with parental notification laws like this is that

some teens choose illegal, unsafe procedures with the predictable results of serious

physical and mental harm. Proposition 85 stands to hurt our most vulnerable teen girls.

Proposition 85 is almost an exact replica of Proposition 73 on the November,

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2005 ballot which the County opposed and which was turned down by voters at the polls.

The California Nurses Association, the California Teachers Association, the Academy of Family Physicians, the California Medical Association, Planned Parenthood, the California Labor Federation, the Los Angeles Times and many other organizations and individuals oppose Proposition 85.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors go on record in opposition to Proposition 85 and urge voters throughout Los Angeles County to join them in voting NO on Proposition 85.

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